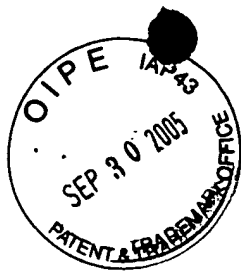


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005 for a third month to October 6, 2005.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$285.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Applicant has previously paid \$225.00 for a two month extension of time. The Commission is also hereby authorized to Deposit Account 03-1045 in case of deficiencies or overpayment.

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